



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan

MEETING DATE: July 1, 1998

PREPARED BY: Public Works Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That following a presentation, the City Council consider supporting the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District's CALFED grant application.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The City received the attached letter from the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District requesting City support for a CALFED grant application. As of June 23, the application is still in the development stage and staff is unable to offer a specific recommendation, although we generally support the objectives as stated in the letter. We also feel that being involved in any planning efforts pertaining to the lower Mokelumne River is appropriate.

A representative from the District will make a presentation to the Council concerning the application.

FUNDING: None needed.

Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

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Attachment

cc: Parks Superintendent
Water/Wastewater Superintendent
John B. Meek, Jr., President, SJCRCD - via fax

APPROVED: _____

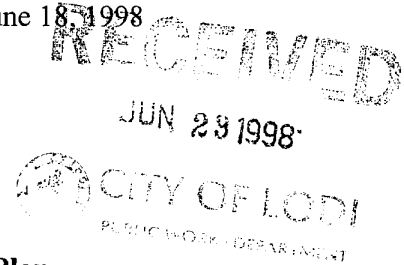
H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District

1222 Monaco Court, #23
Stockton, CA 95207

June 18, 1998

Richard C. Prima, Jr., Director
City of Lodi Public Works Department
221 West Pine Street
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RE: Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan

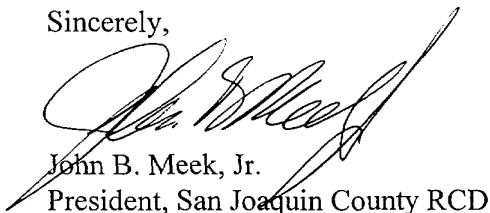
Dear Richard:

The San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District (SJRCDD) is coordinating a community based approach to watershed planning for the lower Mokelumne River Watershed. Planning that incorporates the local agricultural community provides an opportunity to combine the services and expertise of landowners and managers; the general public; special interest groups; and agency personnel in a single efficient effort. An inclusive participatory planning process promotes greater commitment to and cooperation in the implementation of a long-term watershed management plan. This approach will help insure the River's stewardship for future generations.

Objectives of a watershed plan for the lower Mokelumne River are to involve agricultural, commercial, public, and residential landowners with other interested participants in a proactive approach to protect economic, cultural, and natural resource values along the river; reduce regulation; develop incentive and education programs for watershed stewardship; and provide a model program for watershed planning in San Joaquin County.

The SJRCDD is applying for a CALFED grant to facilitate the development of this community based plan. On behalf of the SJRCDD I am soliciting your support and participation in this process. I would appreciate a letter stating your support for this process prior to our submittal of the proposal on June 30. If you have any questions please contact me at 209/478-1957. Thank you.

Sincerely,

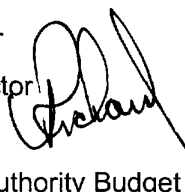


John B. Meek, Jr.
President, San Joaquin County RCD



MEMORANDUM, City of Lodi, Public Works Department

To: Dixon Flynn, City Manager
Jack Sieglock, Mayor
Keith Land, Mayor Pro Tempore
Bob Johnson, City Council Member
Steve Mann, City Council Member
Phil Pennino, City Council Member

From: Richard Prima, Public Works Director 

Date: July 1, 1998

Subject: East San Joaquin Parties Water Authority Budget

On Tuesday, June 30, 1998, the East San Joaquin Parties Water Authority met with San Joaquin County Supervisors Barber and Marengo to discuss the County's action regarding the proposed 1998/99 budget for ESJPWA. The Authority had requested \$200,000 from the Board to complete the groundwater recharge/banking test project and formulate a new Authority agreement to undertake a larger scale project in cooperation with East Bay Municipal Utilities District. The total requested budget was approximately \$250,000, including \$10,000 from the City of Lodi. During the previous week, the Board had denied the funding, but left the door open for adding the funds at a later date.

At the June 30 meeting, the Supervisors indicated a willingness to reconsider the item before the entire Board at its July 7 meeting if the ESJPWA members appeared at the meeting to support the request. Council Member Johnson, who attended the June 30 meeting as the City's ESJPWA representative, and staff intend to appear at the July 7 meeting. However, we feel it is important that we do so with City Council backing and approval of the City's funding portion.

As background information, the County already provided \$500,000 in fiscal year 1997/98 toward the project and the City provided an additional \$50,000. The other members of ESJPWA contributed as well. The test project has reached its June 30 completion date; however, the amount of water to be injected is far below the maximum planned due to high turbidity in the water caused by increased runoff. East Bay has offered to continue to provide water through the summer given the abundance of runoff this year.

While it would be unfortunate to allow the project to end so abruptly, it would be a greater blow to efforts to improve the groundwater decline if ESJPWA were to fall apart.

RCP/lm

cc: Water/Wastewater Superintendent

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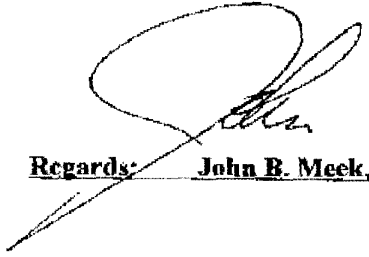
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Date: July 2, 1998To: Alice M. Reimche, City ClerkFax No: 333-6807No. Pages: 1Job Name: SJ Resource Conservation District - Board of DirectorsLodi: **John B. Meek, Jr.****William Beatty**Linden: **Ralph Lucchetti****Julian Bava**Escalon: **Joe Furtado**Tracy: **Cliff Koster****Lynn Bedford**

Please fax (478-8426) a copy of the support letter to my attention as soon as possible.

As Mr. Prima said, the sooner the better so we can complete our package.

Thank you for your assistance.


Regards: John B. Meek, Jr. AFM/AAC

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COMMENTS: Please call Janet Keeter at 333-6700 if you have any questions.

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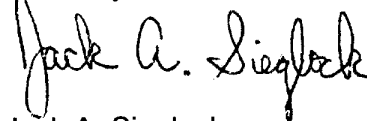
Dear Mr. Meek:

Thank you for consulting with the City of Lodi regarding the Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan. The City Council, during its July 1, 1998, City Council meeting, unanimously voted to support the San Joaquin County Resource Conservation District's (SJCRCD) grant application to facilitate development of a community-based plan for the Lower Mokelumne watershed.

If you are successful in receiving the grant, we would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the development of the plan because of our interest in the Mokelumne River and its impacts to our region.

Thank you once again for including us in this preliminary process. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jack A. Sieglock
Mayor

JAS/JSK/jmp

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June 25, 1998

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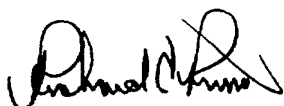
SUBJECT: Lower Mokelumne River Watershed Stewardship Plan

Enclosed is a copy of background information on an item on the City Council agenda of Wednesday, July 1, 1998. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chamber, Carnegie Forum, 305 West Pine Street.

This item is on the regular calendar for Council discussion. It is important that you attend to present your project; otherwise we will likely not take a position.

Be sure to fill out a speaker's card (available at the Carnegie Forum immediately prior to the start of the meeting) and give it to the City Clerk. If you have any questions about communicating with the Council, please contact Alice Reimche, City Clerk, at 333-6702.

If you have any questions about the item itself, please call me at 333-6759.



Richard C. Prima, Jr.
Public Works Director

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Enclosure

cc: City Clerk